

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE HOROWHENUA DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 126-148 OXFORD STREET, LEVIN ON FRIDAY, 26
JUNE 2009, COMMENCING AT 4:00 PM**

PRESENT

Cr D J Colling (Chair)
Cr G G Good
Cr L E McMeeken
Cr A M Hunt
Cr B F Judd
Cr P K Keenan
Cr N D H Murray

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr D G Ward (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr D Law (Finance Manager)
Mr B H Austin (Manager - Community Assets)
Mr T Thomas (Environmental & Regulatory Services Manager)
Mrs K J Corkill (Meeting Secretary)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms C Carlyle (Support Officer)

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE

Ms S Gillies ("Horowhenua Mail")

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE

There were two members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

APOLOGIES

His Worship the Mayor, Mr B J Duffy (Chair)
Cr D A Allan
Cr A D Rush
Cr R N Shaw

Resolved

(McMeeken / Judd)

"THAT the apologies, as recorded, be received."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary Meetings - 3 & 4 June 2009

Resolved

(McMeeken / Murray)

"THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meetings held on 3 & 4 June 2009, as submitted, be confirmed as a true and accurate record."

MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that the recorded times for absence from the 3 June 2009 meeting were for Cr Murray not Cr Keenan.

Ordinary Meeting - 17 June 2009

Resolved

(McMeeken / Hunt)

"THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 June 2009, as submitted, be confirmed as a true and accurate record."

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS

Item-1723 Horowhenua Library Trust - Statement of Intent 2009-2010

File No **3949**

Purpose

For the Council to consider the Horowhenua Library Trust's Statement of Intent for 2009/2010, as required by Section 65 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Resolved

(McMeeken / Keenan)

"THAT Report 3936 be received."

Mr Ward noted that this was a procedural item, with Council required under statute to adopt the Statement of Intent for the financial year.

Resolved

(McMeeken / Good)

"THAT this matter or decision be recognised as not significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002."

"THAT Council advises the Horowhenua Library Trust that it accepts the Horowhenua Library Trust Statement of Intent for 2009/2010."

Subject: Adoption of 2009/2019 Long Term Council Community Plan

File No 3949

Purpose

To obtain Council's adoption of the final audited LTCCP 2009-2019.

Resolved

(McMeeken / Hunt)

"THAT Report 3949 be received."

Mr Ward said adoption of the audited LTCCP was the culmination of a huge amount of work, acknowledging particularly the input of the Finance Manager, Doug Law, and the Strategic & Corporate Services Manager, David Clapperton. Councillors' prodigious input, which commenced with workshops in May of last year was also noted. He had much pleasure in announcing an Unqualified Audit Opinion and introduced to the meeting Mr Phil Kennerley, Audit Manager from Audit New Zealand, and Mr Mike Henderson, who had been responsible for the field work and liaison with staff.

Mr Kennerley commented that Audit New Zealand's role was to ensure the Council's proposed policy was reflected in the LTCCP, not to comment on the policy itself. On that basis Audit had drawn together a report, which he was happy to release should Council adopt the LTCCP as proposed.

Mr Ward provided clarification to a query with regard to a change in the swimming pool rate, saying the dollar impact would not change, just the way it was stated.

Mr Law also provided clarification in respect of the separate sewer rate for Roslyn Road and what that meant in terms of harmonisation.

In response to a query as to whether or not Council had met its statutory obligations with regard to consultation, Mr Kennerley said that in terms of the Act a four week consultation period was required. This Council had allowed five weeks and had held eight public meeting, so he believed this matter was well covered.

Mr Kennerley said that he did not believe a separate resolution was required in terms of financial prudence as this aspect had been covered in Audit New Zealand's review.

Resolved

(Good / Judd)

"THAT these matters or decisions be recognised as significant in terms of s76 of the Local Government Act 2002."

"THAT Council resolves that it is financially prudent, after considering the matters set out in S100(2)(a)-(d) of the Local Government Act 2002, that in year 3 (year ended 30 June 2012) of the Long Term Council Community Plan, to have projected operating revenues at a level that is insufficient to meet projected operating expenses."

"THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopts the final audited Long Term Council Community Plan 2009-2019, including the Policies contained therein and the Schedule of Fees and Charges, in accordance with Sections 83 and 93 of the Local Government Act 2002."

"THAT the Horowhenua District Council adopt the following Rates Resolution:

**Horowhenua District Council Rates Resolution
for the Year Ended 30 June 2010**

SETTING OF RATES FOR THE 2009/ 10 FINANCIAL YEAR

1. That the Horowhenua District Council set the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, on rating units in the district for the financial year commencing 1 July 2009 and ending on 30 June 2010.

(a) General Rates

A general rate set under section 13 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made on every rating unit, assessed on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$0.00383027 (GST inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "urban" category
- A rate of \$0.00124977 (GST inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "township" category
- A rate of \$0.00095052 (GST inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "rural business" category
- A rate of \$0.00109978 (GST inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "rural residential" category
- A rate of \$0.00006977 (GST inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "District wide" category

(b) Rooding Rate

A Rooding rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 made on every rating unit, assessed on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$0.00286964 (GST inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "urban" category
- A rate of \$0.00093632 (GST inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "township" category
- A rate of \$0.00071213 (GST inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "rural business" category
- A rate of \$0.00082395 (GST inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "rural residential" category
- A rate of \$0.00005227 (GST inclusive) of land value on every rating unit in the "District wide" category

(c) Library Rate

A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$86.20 (GST inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district for the provision of a library service

(d) Representation and Governance Rate

A targeted rate set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$167 (GST inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the district to fund the Representation and Governance Activity costs.

(e) Solid Waste Disposal Rates

A targeted rate for solid waste disposal set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, to fund the Solid Waste activity costs assessed on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$41 (GST inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the "rural" category,
- A rate of \$55 (GST inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the "urban and township" category.

(f) Swimming Pool Rate

A targeted rate for the provision of swimming pools set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, assessed on a differential basis as described below:

- A rate of \$107.20 (GST inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the "Levin, Foxton and Foxton Beach" category,
- A rate of \$43.00 (GST inclusive) on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit in the "District Wide" category.

(g) Sewage (Waste Water) Disposal Rates

A targeted rate for sewage disposal set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$279.30 (GST inclusive) for each separately used or inhabited part of any rating unit that is connected to a sewer network;

An additional rate of \$580 (GST inclusive) on every rating unit that is connected to the Levin sewer network in the Fairfield and Roslyn Roads sewer extension

(h) Water Supply Rates

A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of \$238 (GST inclusive) for each separately used or inhabited part of any rating unit, or number of connections to each separately used or inhabited part of any rating unit (whichever this the greater) that are connected to a water supply network (except for Foxton Beach).

- For the Foxton Beach water supply network:
\$162 (GST inclusive) for each separately used or inhabited part of any rating unit or number of connections to each separately used or inhabited part of any rating unit (whichever this the greater) that is connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network.

Targeted rates for water supply, set under section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of,

- \$0.93 (GST inclusive) per m³ of water consumed in excess of 1m³ per day on any rating unit connected to the any water supply, except Foxton Beach, where a meter is used to measure consumption on the network during the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.
 - \$0.47 (GST inclusive) per m³ of water consumed in excess of 1m³ per day on any rating unit connected to the Shannon untreated bore water supply where a meter is used to measure consumption on the network during the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.
 - The cost per m³ (GST inclusive) of water consumed by any rating unit connected to the Moutoa water supply network, calculated quarterly, during the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.
- For Foxton Beach Water Supply
 1. **Step 1** - \$0.38 (GST inclusive) per m³ for the first 50 m³ of water consumed per quarter on any rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 with an additional minimum charge of \$5 per quarter.
 2. **Step 2** - \$0.84 (GST inclusive) per m³ for the second 50 m³ of water consumed per quarter in excess of 50 m³ on any rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010.
 3. **Step 3** - \$1.26 (GST inclusive) per m³ for the balance of water consumed per quarter in excess of 100 m³ on any rating unit or separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit connected to the Foxton Beach water supply network during the period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010

(i) **Targeted Rate for Water Races**

A targeted rate for water supply, set under section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 of 0.00062 cents in the dollar (GST inclusive) of land value on any rating unit connected to the Waikawa water race network.

2. DIFFERENTIAL CATEGORIES

That the Horowhenua District Council adopts the following definitions for its differential categories for the 2009/10 financial year.

General and Rooding Rates

- (a) **Urban** all rating units within the urban areas of Levin, Foxton and Shannon. This category has a differential factor of 53.1%.
- (b) **Townships** - all rating units within the urban areas of Waikawa Beach, Manakau, Ohau, Hokio Beach, Waitarere Beach, Foxton Beach and Tokomaru. This category has a differential factor of 8.1%.
- (c) **Rural Residential** - all rating units defined as Lifestyle and Residential (except vacant lifestyle or residential) in the Rating Valuation Rules 2008 Appendix F.2.1 in all rural areas. This category has a differential factor of 6%
- (d) **Rural Business** - all rating units within the district that are not in the "urban", "township" or "rural residential" differential. This category has a differential factor of 31%.
- (e) **District Wide** - all rating units within the district that are not in the "rural business" differential. This category has a differential factor of 1.8%.

Solid Waste Disposal Rate

- (a) **Urban and Township** - all rating units within the urban areas of Levin, Foxton, Shannon, Waikawa Beach, Manakau, Ohau, Hokio Beach, Waitarere Beach, Foxton Beach and Tokomaru. This category has a differential factor of 80%.
- (b) **Rural** - all rating units within the district that are not in the "urban and township" differential. This category has a differential factor of 20%.

Swimming Pool Rate

- (a) **Levin, Foxton and Foxton Beach** - all rating units within the urban areas of Levin, Foxton, and Foxton Beach. This category has a differential factor of 60%.
- (b) **District Wide** - all rating units within the district. This category has a differential factor of 40%.

3. DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT OF RATES

That all rates will be payable in four instalments due on:

- 15th September 2009
- 15th December 2009
- 15th March 2010
- 15th June 2010

4. PENALTIES

That the Council applies the following penalties on unpaid rates:

